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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have answered that, in Malabar, the Project Advisory Committee has been formed. That committee will attend to the Community Project work as well as the work of the former Food Production Committee and other committees."

Requisitioning of hoarded paddy in Malabar.

* 18 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government had requisitioned hoarded paddy from any rice mill owner, paddy merchant or landlord in Malabar as a part of their policy of bringing down prices of foodgrains?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—' No stock of paddy or rice was requisitioned from merchants or any person in the district."

Subsidized Housing Scheme for industrial workers.

* 19 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state— 12 noon.

(*a*) the amount received from the Central Government under the Subsidized Housing Scheme for industrial workers in this State;

(*b*) how it is proposed to be distributed to the districts; and

(*c*) which section of labourers comes under the scheme?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government of Madras have not received any amount from the Central Government under their Subsidized Industrial Housing Scheme. The Central Government themselves sanction the loans and subsidies under the scheme to the applicants.

" (*c*) The term ' Industrial Worker ' in the Scheme refers to a ' worker ' as defined in the Factories Act, 1948, employees of the Central or the State Governments, of local authorities or of other semi-statutory bodies being excepted. Workers in corporations or companies owned in part or in full by Central or State Governments will, however, be entitled to assistance under the Scheme."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I allow five more minutes to finish the rest of the questions."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு வீடு கட்டும் திட்டத்திற்காக மாகாண சர்க்கார்களுக்கு மத்திய அரசாங்கம் கடன் கொடுப்பதற்கு ஸ்கீம் போட்டிருப்பது கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களுக்கு தெரியுமா? அப்படி இருந்தால் அதைப்பற்றி நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுத்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்களா? ஒவ்வொரு மாகாண அரசாங்கங்களும் அம்மாதிரி கடன் வாங்கி இருக்கின்றனரா என்பது தெரியுமா? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" We are aware of the fact mentioned by the hon. Leader of the Opposition. The Madras Government themselves are moving in the matter and we hope to produce fruitful results soon."

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SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" மத்திய சர்க்கார் கொடுக்கும்படியான **Subsidized Housing Scheme** படி நம்முடைய மாகாணசர்க்காரின் அதிகாரத்தில் உள்ள தொழில் ஸ்தாபனங்களில் வேலே செய்யும் தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு வீடு கட்டுவதற்கு கடன் கேட்டிருக்கிறார்களா ? அவ்விதம் கேட்டிருந்தால் எவ்வளவு தொகை ? அதற்கு என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லுவார்களா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I just mentioned that the amount under the scheme is not available to the employees of the State and Central Governments."

Deputation of an officer to study the working of the Weights and Measures Act in Bombay.

* 20 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any officer of this Government was sent to Bombay to study the operation of the Weights and Measures Act there;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, when he was sent and how long he remained there and what is the total amount spent for his stay;

(*c*) whether the officer has submitted any report and, if so, whether the same will be placed on the table of the House; and

(*d*) when the Government propose to enforce the Act in this State?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. The State Marketing Officer, Madras, was deputed to Bombay to study the working of the Bombay Weights and Measures Act and the rules framed thereunder.

" (*b*) The officer was sent in November 1949. He remained in Bombay for nine days from 25th November 1949 to 3rd December 1949. The total expenditure incurred on this account was about Rs. 500.

" (*c*) The State Marketing Officer submitted through the Director of Agriculture and the Board of Revenue a draft of the rules under the Madras Weights and Measures Act, 1948. The rules as finally approved by Government have been issued in the *Fort St. George Gazette* with G.O. Ms. No. 4135, Development, dated 9th September 1953.

" (*d*) No decision has been taken by the Government so far as to when the provisions of the Act (Madras Weights and Measures Act) should be brought into force. The question of purchase of the equipment necessary for the enforcement of the provisions of the Act is under consideration. The Act will be brought into force after the equipment is purchased and the preliminaries necessary for the enforcement of the provisions of the Act are completed."